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GENERAL AND REVENUE SECRETARIAT.

Serial Nos. 26.

Part B for June, 916.

SUBJECT.

Re: The Continuance of Mrs. Weir's pension.

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GENERAL AND REVENUE SECRETARIAT.

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FILE HEADING.

Mrs. Weir's pension.

From

Miss E.T. Weir. 35 de Paeys Avenue, Bedford.

No. Dated 8 March 1916. Received

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BRIEF ABSTRACT OF LETTER.

Prays for the cont^u of her pension of £200 for another year.

NOTES AND ORDERS.

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35 De Parys Arenas
Bedford
March 8th 1916.

To

H.H. the Maharaja of Mysore, G.C.S.I.

Your Highness,

I venture to write to you on the subject of the pension which has been so generously granted to myself and my children by Your Highness' Government.

This pension of £200 a year was originally granted for a period of 4 years and was extended last year for another twelve months owing to the war.

Under ordinary circumstances, it would not have been necessary for me to make any further appeal to the generosity of Your Government, but I am obliged to do so, for the following reasons:-

My private income from investments ought to be £350 a year; but the war has depreciated nearly all my securities to such an extent that I realize only £260 during the first year of the war and I shall receive only £200 this year. Even this amount will be reduced by the increased income tax.

I enclose a memorandum prepared by my solicitor speaking of the above facts. It is impossible for me to keep my home, and support my younger children on this sum, and I earnestly hope that my present position will be viewed with the same generous spirit, which prompted the grant of the original pension and that a further extension of the same may be sanctioned for another period of twelve months.

I am, yours very sincerely,
Sd. ... F. Weir.

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Statement relating to Mrs. Weir's income.

From investments previous to	August 1914	£ 350 per year
" "	during 1915	£260 " "
" "	estimated 1916	£200 " "

(Estimate based upon actual receipts during January and February 1916 compared with January and February.1915).

The above represents actual depreciation in dividends. In addition Income Tax has been increased from 1/2 in the £ to 3/6 and will probably be higher still and the amount of income allowed to be exempted from Income Tax has been decreased from £160 to £130.

Sd. Tebbs & Son.

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90, Campden Hill Court,
Kensington, W.
8-3-1916.

My dear Mirza,

Mrs. Weir has asked me to forward the enclosed petition and its enclosure and to say what I can on her behalf, and this I gladly do as I think hers is an exceptionally deserving case.

In commenting on her appeal, I need not go into the question whether these special pensions should or should not be granted in Native States. That question has more than once been discussed and it was only after that discussion that it was decided to grant Mrs. Weir a pension as a special case and that decision was right and I belive His Highness agrees with me that, whatever may be the rule in British India, the grant of these pensions, in special cases, is a prerogative which he should always retain.

The pension in Mrs. Weir's case, has however been granted and the only question which I need discuss is whether any extension should be granted.

Mrs. Weir's plea for an extension is a very strong one.

Her income from investments has been reduced, by causes ~~on~~ over which she has no control, from £350 to £200 a year. When you take into account the increase in Income Tax, which is inevitable you may say that her income will eventually be reduced by 50% owing to the war.

It is true that her two elder sons are now officers in the Marines and the Army, but they are only Lieutenants and they cannot do much to help their mother. I know that they are helping as much as they can.

Mrs. Weir has still a daughter aged 14 and two younger boys to educate and it would be impossible for her to do this on £200 a year. To stop her pension during the war would be a very hard thing to do and would mean for her a very difficult struggle for existence.

You must remember that the war has increased the cost of living enormously. Prices of all food and articles of household use have already more than doubled, and are going up by leaps and bounds. This is another serious consideration which must not be lost sight of.

I know the need for economy in the State expenditure , but I regard these special pensions in the same light as State scholarships and I do not think that the plea of financial necessity should be accepted as a reason for refusing Mrs. Weir's request. If her request is granted her total income will be only about the same, as her private income would have been, but for the war. I trust that His Highness' Government will see their way to granting her request.

This is not a news letter so I will say no more except that we are all doing well.

With kind regards,

I am yours sincerely,

Sd. R.H. Campbell.

P.S.

The same reasons, which induced the Mysore Government to extend Mrs. Weir's pension, last year, for a period of twelve months, apply now with even greater force to her case and the renewal once granted should not be refused now the arguments in its favour are more convincing than they were twelve months ago. This really puts the whole matter in a nutshell!

Intd. R.H.

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Bangalore,

D. O. No. 403/Enquiry

2nd May 1916.

Dear Mr. D'Souza,

I enclose herewith a file of papers ending with Mr. Mirza's D.O. letter No. 185 dated the 4th April 1916, regarding the extension of pension to Mrs. Weir. The Dewan will be obliged if you will kindly have the case worked up in consultation with the General and Financial Secretaries, and brought up at an early meeting of Council. 2351

Yours sincerely,

Sd) S. Hiriyanna

P.G. D'Souza Esqr., B.A., B.L.

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PRIVATE SECRETARY MYSORE

THE PALACE,
MYSORE.

4th April 1916.

D.O.No. 185
Sec 3.

PSD
3 in consultation with Sec Edn & Fin Secy
5.4.16

My dear Sir,

I am desired to send the enclosed papers to you and to say that His Highness will be glad of your opinion in the matter.

Yours sincerely
Mirza M. Ismail

Sir M. Visvesvaraya, K.C.I.E.,
Dewan of Mysore,
Bangalore.

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PRIVATE SECRETARY TO THE DEWAN MYSORE.

D. O. No. 4232 Bangalore, 2nd May 1916.

D. O. No. 4031/Eu file

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Yours sincerely,

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P.G. D'Souza Esqr., B.A., B.L.

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H. D. O. No. 2331 of 15	5 It has been clearly explained in the Maranda Press' submission - note of the 15th Oct 1911, that it is not a case in which any pension can be claimed as a right - and it is a matter which cannot be considered under any rules. The amount of pension which has already been sanctioned comes to about Rs 1000 and it is a matter for consideration whether in view of this handsome grant it is necessary to extend the same. The two sons are now reported to be earning and though they may be serving only as linesmen they derive so many concessions. it was hoped that they should be able to be of substantial help to their mother. The war has equally affected several others whose cases may even deserve more sympathetic consideration - I do not think that there is any analogy between this pension and a State Scholarship The pension is in recognition of

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host services but in the case of a State withdrawing the State can expect to derive same direct & indirect benefit from the withdrawal.

To Genl Secy

Hri
5/5/16

1) I agree with Secy E & A.

2) There is no question (& Mr Campbell refers to this) of H. H. retaining any prerogative - The point is whether all circumstances considered any further exercise of the prerogative is necessary in the present case.

3) The provisional budget totals for 1916-17 show a deficit of nearly 4 lakhs. All extra expenditure sanctioned will add to the difficulty of balancing the budget.

4) Considering the fact that numerous such applications have been rejected without anything being sanctioned, the sum of Rs 15000/- already sanctioned in this case may be deemed sufficient.

JM
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(For VI)

Mr
11/5

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To Genl Secy for favour of further action

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15. 5. 1916.

GENERAL AND REVENUE SECRETARIAT.

Council Matter.

SUBJECT.

(Outside the Schedule).

Question of extending the pension of £200 a year granted to Mrs. Weir for another period of 12 months.

CIRCULATED TO THE MEMBERS OF COUNCIL.

By Order,

D. M. Harcourt Ag

15th May 1916.

Secretary to Government.

Extraordinary Member of Council.

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Extract from the Proceedings of the 384th Meeting of the Council of His Highness the Maharaja, held at Bangalore, on the 20th May 1916.

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11. SUBJECT.-(Outside the Schedule).

Question of extending the pension of £200 a year granted to Mrs. Weir for another period of 12 months.

OPINION OF THE COUNCIL.

The Council regret they are unable to recommend the continuance of the pension beyond the 20th October 1916.

Sd. M. Visvesvaraya,
Dewan of Mysore.

"EXTRACT"

D. M. Narasimha Rao, B/S
Secretary to Government,
General Department.

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Extract from the Proceedings of the Council is put up.

Forwarded with compliments to the Secretary to Government, Departments of Education & Agriculture for favour of necessary further action.

By Order.

D. M. Ranganayakulu 27/5

Secretary to Government,
General Department,

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A draft d.o. ltr is put up.

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at Bangalore before civil decree

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DEWAN OF MYSORE

D. O. No. 4073/Ex { Three agenda and file

ANANDASRAM,
FERNHILL,
NILGIRIS.

~~28th May~~ 1916.

My dear Sir,

With reference to your D.O.No.185 dated the 4th April 1916, about the proposal to extend the pension of £200 a year granted to Mrs.Weir for another period of 12 months, I write to state that the question was considered in Council and that they regret they are unable to recommend the continuance of the pension beyond the 20th October 1916.

The grant of the pension itself for two years is a very exceptional concession. Its benefit was extended by another year. As the war has affected all people generally, Mrs.Weir's case ~~is no~~ exception. Once this argument of war is admitted Government would be committed to continuing the grant indefinitely.

The enclosures to your letter are herewith returned.

The file is sent herewith for perusal and kind return.

Yours Sincerely
(Sd) M. Visvesvaraya.

Mirza M. Ismail Esq., B.A.

N.B.—Should routine ... the notes must be copied, or slips pasted on this form.

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Revised

Bangalore,

May 1916.

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Yours sincerely,

16.5.16

Mirza M. Ismail, Esq., B.A.,

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Anandasram
Fernhill,
Nilgiris
~~28th May~~ 2nd June 1916.

D.O. No.4073/Enc. {Thrice / 1 file.

My dear Sir,

With reference to your D.O. No.185 dated the 4th April 1916, about the proposal to extend the pension of £200 a year granted to Mrs. Weir for another period of 12 months, I write to state that the question was considered in Council and that they regret they are unable to recommend the continuance of the pension beyond the 20th October 1916.

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The enclosures to your letter are herewith returned.

The file is sent herewith for perusal and kind return with His Highness' orders on the case.

Yours sincerely,

Sd. M. Visvesvaraya.

Mirza M. Ismail Esqr., B.A.

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D.O. No.227
Enc. 1 file.

The Palace, Mysore,
5th June 1916.

My dear Sir,

In returning the file sent with your D.O. letter No.4073 of the 2nd Instant, regarding Mrs. Weir's request for the continuance of the pension for another year, I am directed to say that His Highness agrees with your opinion in the matter and has asked me to inform Mrs. Weir accordingly.

Put up herewith as also D.O. No. 4031 & 2.6.16

Yours sincerely
Mirza M. Ismail

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Sir M. Visvesvaraya, K.C.I.E.,
Dewan of Mysore,
Bangalore.

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13	No further action seems necessary in the matter. The papers may be filed. (The period of the present sanction is till the end of October 16).
	8/6 It is presumed that H.H's Military would have applied as he says" his Highness has asked me to inform him wether accordingly I do so. The reference was made originally to the Military. There is nothing to show if this has been done.
	7.6.16 9/6/16 I agree - for ordering
	Please submit draft letter for sign. 8/6/16
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